MY CHOICE.

- Which of the two do you love the best?
- Was the question that comes to me. As robed for the night, in snowy white, My darlings knelt by me. Which, if the Father's hand
- Were to beckon one away, And the summons be, "Thy best beloved," Which of them would you say?
- And I drew my little ones closer, As I sat in the twilight dim, And wendered, if He were to ask me,
- Maud is gentle and loving, With willing hands and feet. With curious thoughts, and questions wise, With womanly ways and sweet. And roguish, hazel-eved Minnie.
- The willful baby yet, Though over the head of golden brown Three summer suns have set.
- One so serious and thoughtful. With wisdom beyond her years, The other like April sunshine,
- Ready with smiles or tears. Now, as they kneel beside me In the suddenly quiet room. While the shadows deepen and darken
- Into the evening gloom. And childish voices petition
- As they fold their hands in prayer, The heavenly hand to lead them, The heavenly love to care.
- Their arms, and clasp me tight,
- Then, as they throw around me
- The sweet lips murmur, "We love you; Good night, mamma, good night."
- I cannot choose between them. Father, oh! spare the test, Which of my darlings is dearer.
- Which one I love the best. Newburyport Herald.

THE THANKSGIVING FAIRY.

A STORY FOR CHILDREN. BY JULIA A. BASTMAN.

It was a frosty November night and a big full moon. Fairy Flit came sliding down a slant moonbeam, after her fashion, lighting on a rose-bush, while Fret packed her ugly phiz up from the shadow of a dark old bridge. Perhapsome of the children will remember to have met these fairies before. Well, they are just the same as ever. Flit is a white fairy, and Fret is a black fairy. The first is pleasant, and the last is as cross as two sticks. Flit still likes bright, sunny, cheery places, and Fret still skulks in dark, damp, miserable holes. Flit always sees the new moon over her right shoulder, while Fret, just as persistently, blinks at her over the left.

" Pearls, diamonds, and ermine!" chirped the blithe little Flit, tripping up and down, and dancing a minuet of her own, on her dainty little feet, upon the points of the picket fence. "Ermine, diamonds, and pearls!" she piped again, in that cheery voice of hers, which was like the solo of a katydid at her first concert. "Stuff, nonsense, and fol-de-rol!" created a voice from under the dark shadow of the bridge which might or might not be the accents of a bull-frog, exasperated by the loss of his supper. Flit recognized the voice, however, and she danced along to the end of the picket fence and cried out:

Dear me, Cousin Fret, how glad I am to see you! Pray how are you this fine night?" "None the better for seeing you, missey; and it's not a fine night, in the least, "cording to my style o' thinking. But you always were such a goose! Here I am well nigh frozen to death, down here in this miserable hole!"

"Why, my dear cousin, you can't think how sorry I am!" cried the sweet, sympathizing Flit. "You certainly must have gotten your feet damp in among those wet stones, in Minnie brook. Do, dear, let me give you my hand, and help you up here where I am, in this bright, "Moonshine warm, indeed! But you always

were such a fool, Flit!" "Dear, yes, I suppose so," laughed Flit, "but I'm a very happy fool anyway. Come now and we'll have such a fine chat, and you shall tell me all about my dear friend Mrs Speckle Trout, and her dashing son, Captain Spot. Come, take

Let me alone, can't you?" cried Fret, with a voice more like an exasperated bull-frog than ever. "Your dear friend, Mistress Speckle Trout, and her dashing son, Captain Spot. Come, take my hand." "Let me alone, can't you?" cried Fret, with a voice more like an exasperated bull-frog than ever. "Your dear friend, Mistress Speckle

Trout was a sad gad-about, and I'm happy to tell you she's as dead as a nit, and as for her skimpy of a son, I know nothing about the young fellow. You always were asking about all

the young rascals."

"Bless my soul," whispered Flit to herself, in a soft little burr which sounded more like the whiz of a humming-bird than anything else in life, "bless my soul, if Fret isn't crosser and crustier than ever! Well, well. Poor Fret. I suppese she was made so, and she has the worst of it, assuredly." Then aloud to her companion, who had contrived to drag herself clumsily up to the top of an old post, and crouched with her elbows on her knees, and her fists plumped into her cheeks, for all the world like a meditative old rat seated upon his haunches, and she never stirred or glanced up, as Flit spoke to her.
"Well, how are you, cousin? And how are all your friends this charming weather?"
"I'm not your cousin, and I have no friends, and it's the manner weather that the recommendation." and it's the meanest weather that ever was got up. I hope you're answered."

"And as for your pearls, diamonds and ermine, perhaps you wouldn't mind telling me where you find 'em."

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"Nothing on earth would make me happier.
Isn't my old rose bower festooned with pearls, and isn't the wigelia hung with diamonds? And as for ermine, why, the very brook is bordered with it, and crystal spangles too. Then I came up with the frest king an hour ago, and he was seated on a white throne; with a diamond scepter and crown, and O, no end of glittering gems about him. And he cried out, "Heigho, Fairy Flit! Be on the watch, for all my frost says are coming out to-night! Prinxie, with her thousand pictures for the window pane, and Nixie for the brooks and little lakes! Fairy Flit, be sure you come and see. There's no Flit, be sure you come and see. There's no telling how fine we're going to be, and all because to-morrow is the children's Thanksgiving day! The grand holiday, to be sure!"

So Flit caroled out her merry words, half a song and half a speech, then, from her perch, she gave a little hop and lighted on a swaying twig of a mountain ash, and all the red berries danced to the tune of her dancing feet and shone about her head like rubies, and, close by, a barberry bush flung down a coral cluster or two, and a little brown and white bird, poised on one leg, opened a sleepy eye and peeped a good-natured "chick-a-dee!" which, being in-terpreted, was, "Good night, Fairy Flt! Pleasant dreams to you, too! and a merry Thanksgiv-

"Thanksgiving, baht" came like a grow from the crouching form on the black post.

There's old Goody Sykes, over the mill. She's an old soul after my own heart, she is! She says she'd never have a Thanksgiving at all, if she was the governor. She's got nothing to be thankful for.' " Poor creature, poor creature! I must go

"Better keep away. Goody Sykes docen't like small people."
"Never mind, if she doesn't. She won't hart me, and it she does, I can fly away."

"Oh, O!" groaned Fret, "it is this rheumatism that's killing me entirely. Do you ever have

"Bless you, no! Perhaps you wouldn't if you'd take more exercise.' "Don't see what you find to do so much. racing up and down, and all along shore, from Dan to Beer-Sheba. Now I sit still from morn-ing till night, and lie still from night till morning, and take good care of myself; but yet I-don't seem to get very good care taken of me, after all. Now pray what do you do to keep so

young and smart?" "What? I?" and the gay laugh that rang out would have made the blood flow faster in the veins of Mesbusaleh.

"Yes, you! Can't you hear?" spoke Fret, surilly enough, for a hearty laugh seemed to jar upon her nerves as nothing else did. "You were born the very day that I was, but any one would take oath, this minute, that I was your

"Ha, ha! O, well, I believe its laughing that's done it, partly, but more its being about among the children."

"I never could bear children."

O yes, I know. Its only silly little folks like me who enjoy living with them all the while.

As for myself, I couldn't possibly live if I didn't
fly round among the little ones. Of course they

fly round among the little ones. Of course they don't see me, but then, they're happier for my being about. To-day, for instance, I've been down to Farmer Blythe's helping them get ready for Thanksgieing, and there are Harney and Hopy. Ha, he was jelly time as we had," and Flit laugher the whole valley rung again with he whole valley rung again the read and trundle-beds, stirred in their dresses and trundle-beds, stirred in their dresses will be Thanksgiving day" muse will be Thanksgiving day" muse will be Thanksgiving the reeds, and from a man toads; and she fell asleep and to dressing of old Goody Sykes, and what not, that was disagreeable; while Flit hopped off to a sheltered twig near the chicksdee's nest, and she also fell to dreaming, half awake, and half asleep, and her dream, queerly enough, was of Goody Sykes too. What it was I will not tell you now, but what came of it I'm sure you'll like to know, you dear little Blueeyes and Brown-eyes, and Black-eyes bigger than all.

down on the tops of the eastern hills, and the streak grew broad, and the hills grew blue, and the stars just waited to bid the world good-mor ning, and retire, and then the sun came up, and shone on a great column of purple smoke from Farmer Blythe's chimney, and he glanced into the large kitchen, and threw big squares of light upon the painted floor, and showed such a cheery sight! The door into the pantry stood open. The children will want to go with me there—but stop—some one else wants to go with us. Hark, then! Do you hear that rush on the stairs, and such a merry laugh in the hall? And good Mrs. Blythe smiles at her husband, and says, "Father do listen to those children!"

Then the door is burst open, and a little red bird, in new, scarlet feathers, hops in. This is

Hope, in her new flannel dress, with the white ruffle at the neck, and the red velvet at the wrists. And here's a blue jay, likewise in new feathers, and that is Barney, and his cheeks are as red as his sister's dress, and her eyes are as blue as his coat. (I will tell you here, in confiblue as his coat. (I will tell you here, in confidence, that Harney's suit came from the tailor's yesterday, and it has—how many pockets do you think? O you'll never guess. Blue eyes, Brown-eyes, or Black-eyes! Hold up your fingers. There! That's it! Ten.)

"Merry Thanksgiving, papa, mamma, grand-mother!" cried Harney.

And now we can all go to the pantry. Fairy Flit, I think, is hiding about on the shelves because, you see, everybody is so merry. What a long, high, broad pantry it is, to be sure!

"O, my!" "Goody! Goody!"

It was Harney who spoke first, and Hope next, jumping up and down on the toes of her bronze boots, and clapping her pink, dimpled hands.

"O goody! goody! And that makes me think. I do wonder if old Goody Sykes has any nice things for her Thanksgiving dinner? I don't believe she has. O Harney! I'm going to ask mother something."

mother something.' Here was the good little fairy's influence, you see, and while she has gone off with the two children, let us look here. See these shelves.

children, let us look here. See these shelves. How solid they must be not to break down under such a load of goodies. Brown bread, and white bread, and rye bread, pies, mince, apple, squash, custard, pumpkin, peach, cherry, and lemon. Here are cakes frosted, and cakes not frosted, jelly cake that makes your mouth water to look at, big cakes, little cakes, cookies, and crullers, and doughnuts,—a whole half bushel of them, which the dear old grandmother made with her own dear, wrinkled, large-veined hands. Those chickens, and turkeys, oysters, beef, pork, and veal, preserves and jellies,—but, dear me, you will fancy yourselves hungry if f beef, pork, and veal, preserves and fellies,—but, dear me, you will fancy yourselves hungry if I go on any longer. We must stop somewhere, and there is no naming everything. Beside, I hear the hint of something from the kitchen which we want to know about. I verily believe that generous fairy is there, too, for Hope says—"O please let us, mamma! Goody Sykes is such a poor old thing."

"And I'm afraid she hasn't a thing to make Thanksgiving dinner of," chimes in Harney.
The mother hesitates a moment, "I know," she answers, "but the trouble is, she is such an old wretch, too. I don't like to have you go near such a drunken swearing creature."

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"O mamma, but don't you pity her so? No-body loves her, or goes to see her," says Har-

Maybe if she had a little girl to love, like you, and a home too, she'd be a good woman," pleads Hope, looking up, and then down, as she stands before her mother, trying to braid her fingers into a braid, with her own fat hands. Just then grandmamma comes up with her cane, her wrinkled face shaking and the white cap border all in a quiver—"Daughter, the child is right," she says. "I've known Sally Sykes always, and she had a home, and a good one once, and, beside, she buried a dear little girl, and she's never been the same woman ince."

· O, motker, you will?" "We'll see about it after breakfast." "O Harney, mother says she'll see about it!"
and in a merry mood all sat down to the table. I
think Flit was there too, while dear old grandmother gave Hope the wish-bone, and Hope, in
her turn, fed Bruno and the cat, who sat by her It was an hour later that a thin; bent old wo-

man sat smoking over a poor fire. She grum-bled to herself, as she crouched low, for there was more smoke than flame, more flame than "If Farmer Blythe would only think to send me a cord o' wood. But, dearie me, he won't,

"Aunty Sykes! Aunty Sykes! Open the door, Lawful heart! Sakes alive! Who is it? Well, I'll gin up now! It ain't, why. ves, 'tis too. 'Tis Farmer Blythe's children, sure's I'm

a livin' woman!"

"Yes'm, mother sent you a little something for your Thanksgiving dinner," and Hope helped Harney to tug in a great basket, which they had dragged over in their little wagon.

"Bless yer blue eyes, dearie. It is Thanksgiving, hain't it?" And Aunty Sykes opened the basket, and raised both hands. "Well, I will gin up, now! A roasted chicken, an' mince pie, an' jell," an' wheat bread, an' what not, an' bacey! Who thought of that?"

"Father," said Harney, "he thought you'd want a good smoke after dinner, and Aunty, he said he was afraid you hadn't much wood to warm your dinner with, so he sent Sim over with a wheel-barrow load, and he wanted me to say that he'd send a cart load, next week."

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"Dear, well. I thank him, and you, and all of ye! I b'lieve the Lord ha'nt quite forgot a wicked old critter, arter all." and Goody Sykes wiped her eyes with her ragged apron.
O, wasn't it good, Harney?" said Hope, as they were running home with Brune capering

ng beside them. "Yes; and see that chickadee!" said Harney

pointing to a beautiful bird upon the road side alder. Hope saw the bird, but could not see the dear little fairy who was lifting along too.

They went home, and what do suppose grandmother had been doing? She had taken the chicken's wish bone, and put a little red cloak upon it and set it astride the backbone of the chicken and called it. John Gillera What.

upon it and set it astride the backbone of the chicken, and called it John Gilpin. What a laugh Harney and Hope had over it!

Well, at dinner came all the uncles and cousins, and there were games in the parlor, and no end of fun. And a few weeks later a neighbor said to Farmer Blythe, "De you know, they tell me that old Goody Sykes has come to be quite a different sort of woman? And she says it's all your little boy and girl, and their kind ways to her, that have done it!"

"Pooh! There's no end to the notions of these old creatures," said Mr. Blythe, but, notwithstanding, his voice was husky a little when he said it. And a pair of fairies, sitting close by, heard this, and the one crawled off into the dark and bit her own fingers for sheer rage, while the other was last seen gamboling and dancing about, perfectly wild with joy over the success of her plans for Thanksgiving day.

Early Winter Fashions.

From Le Follet.]

The materials intended for winter wear are excessively rich, both in color and quality. For morning dress, poplins, silks, reps, either of wool or silk, satin cloth, cachemire and velveteen. These are only admissible in dark colors, light shades being reserved entirely for evening or full-dress visits. For the latter occasions, satins, plain or striped, rich poult de soles, gros-grains, failles, velvets, plain and terry, will be much worn. Toilets of the two materials will be greatly in favor, such as cache terry, will be much worn. Tollets of the two materials will be greatly in favor, such as cache mire or poplin and silk, velvet and satin. The effect of different materials in the same color is very elegant, and in thoroughly good style. Striking colors are not likely to be worn together by our elegantes; in fact, this winter's tollets promise, to assume a more sombre hue than usual, except for dinner and other evening occasions. The reversible striped sating are excasions. The reversible striped satins are ex-cessively elegant and rich. We have seen many specimens of them; they are very thick, and fall in splendid folds. We have seen some of these in splendid folds. We have seen some of these made up with part of the dress—with one side of the silk, and the tunic of the other; for instance, an under-skirt of blue and white satin, the tunic made with the same satin reversed, showing black and white stripes. This toilet was more startling than elegant; but another of striped satin, with a court train plain satin, bodice of the same, with revers, mousqutaire cuffs, and basques lined with the striped satin, was desidedly more elegant, and much richer in appearance.

"POSTAL CAR" JOKES.—An English paper tells the following good story apropos of the new postal cards:—"The Germans have their postal cards as well as we, and abuse the new institution in about the same manner. At Dresden a gentleman received a card some weeks ago, conveying the following message: 'I lost my purse yesterday at the Elabe baths, with three napoleons in it. I dropped it close to the wa'er-mark, whate it must lie still. As you are a good diver, pray go a bathing with me this evening at 6. The gentleman kept the appointment, and was surprised to see two or three postmen go into the baths just before him. Having undressed, he went out to the platform, and there his astonishment increased; for, in spite of the unusual hour, there were numbers of men there, some of whom increased; for, in spite of the unusual hour, there were numbers of men there, some of whom it needed not the sight of the post office uniforms in the undreasing froms to preclaim post office clerks, for they were wall-known faces from the receiving counters. They all kept near the water-mark, a place generally very little frequented, and took undommon long dives. The writer of the card was sitting at a little distance, evidently enjoying the sight. As the disappointed clerks returned from their aquatic search they found an inscription in chalk on the door:—'Strict secrecy observed with regard to all postal communications.' It was only then that they perceived that they had been made the butt of a joke."

THE WHIGHT OF WOMEN'S CLOTHING.—A writer in Good Health may that the average weight, all the year round, of that portion of a woman's clothing which is supported from the waist is between ten and fifteen pounds; and what not, that was disagreeable; while Flit hopped off to a sheltered twin near the chickness, and half asleep, and her dreaming, half awake, and half asleep, and her dreaming, half awake, and half asleep, and her dreaming, half awake, and half asleep, and her dreaming, half as would be consumed as an unhuman one; yet the sure you'll like to know, you dear little Blueeys and Brown-eyes, and Black-eyes bigger than all.

An hour before day, the lights began to gleam from the kitchen windows of Farmer Blacks.

Then there came a narrow strip of gold, low

Pigeons is Savory Jelly.—Bone a pigeon; stuff with sausage meat and roast. Boil in a quart of beef-stock, a pound of veal, a slice of ham, six cloves and allspice berries, an onion, and a small carrot; reduce to a pint by boiling slowly: strain through a sieve and then through flaunel; add the juice of one lemon, and pour into a jelly mould previously dipped in cold water. When it begins to congeal, lay in the pigeon, breast down, and let it stand over night. It is a relishing dish for breakfast.

Potato Salad.—Cut a dozen cold boiled potatoes into fancy shapes a quarter of an inch thick; mix with some flakes of cold boiled fish, (halibut, cod or salmon,) and pour over them a boiled salad dressing, made with six tablespoonfuls of melted butter or salad oil, six ditto of cream or milk, one teaspoonful of salt, half that quantity of pepper, and one teaspoonful of ground mustard. Into this mix one coffeecupful of vinegar. Boil well; then add three raw eggs beaten to a foam; remove directly from the fire and stir for five minutes. When thoroughly cold, turn over the salad; garnish with oughly cold, turn over the salad; garnish with slices of pickled cucumbers, beet root, hard-

slices of pickled cucumbers, beet root, hard-boiled eggs and fresh parsley.

This boiled salad dressing can be made in quantities and kept tightly bottled for weeks. It is very toothsome. When used for green salads, it should be placed at the bottom of the bowl and the salad on top; for, if mixed, the vegetables lose that crispness which is so delicious to the epicure. Slices of eggs, beets and cold potatoes, serve to ornament the dish. Green Tomato Pickles .- Eds. Country Gentleman Hoping this article will not appear too late for some of your readers, I take pleasure in forwarding a most excellent recipe for green to-mato pickles.

Green tomatoes one peck, sliced, sprinkled with salt through them in layers. Let them stand two days, then drain them off and rinse them with water; put them in a porcelain-lined kettle, with twelve small onions, sliced, three ounces of English mustard, quarter pound white mustard seed, one ounce of powdered black pepper (whole pepper bruised), half ounce of pulverized cloves, a tablespoonful of celery seed, and one or two green peppers slicad. Cover with vinegar, and let simmer three and a half hours.—Country Gentleman.

Boiled Pudding.—Stir Indian meal and warm milk together, making the mixture pretty stiff, add while stirring two or three tablespoonfulls of molasses, a teaspoonfull of ginger or other spice, and a little salt. Boil it in a tight-covered pan. A tin dish, made for the purpose, is convenient. A very thick cloth will answer. Leave plenty of room for the meal to swell. Thin slices of apple stirred into the mixture before baking are much relished by some.

Very Nice Apple Melange.—First line a dish with a nice paste, then pare and stew six large tart apples, and flavor as for sauce; when cold add the yolks of three eggs well beaten, a cracker rolled fine, and a little butter. Then but the apple approximation in the little same and a little butter. put this apple preparation in the dish and bake it, then take it out and let stand until it is cool. Then beat the whites of the eggs to astiff froth, sweeten and flavor, and pour it on top of that which is baked, and place it in the oven until the frothing is of a light brown. Influence of Iron on Water.—It is not generally known that a few scraps of iron will prevent the bad odor from forming in water left to stand for days and weeks. The metal removes the free oxygen in the water, and thus prevents the oxidation of the organic matter that may be in the

A better agent for rendering river water sweet and healthy is to employ chloride of iron. A very small quantity suffices to throw down the organic matter, and thus to purify the water. There are few disinfectants so valuable as the chloride and the sulphate of iron, and they bught to be kept about every household. They are equally important to stop bad cases of bleeding from the nose or from cuts.

Warning to Young Men who In-dulge in Late Suppers. In a certain city, not so far away from this as to make it less of local interest, a few evenings since a party of friends met at a social gathering at a fashionable restaurant. Some were bachelors, and some were in the enjoyment of "Heaven's best gift to men!" The evening was cold, and most of them wore overcoats. Two of them were nearly allies and were overcoats. them were nearly alike and were owned respec-tively by Charley G—and Charley S—, one of them married and the other single, and a wild fellow, who as fast as he was out of one G— is a sober man, cherishing a bright-eyed but jealous-hearted little wife, who loves him tenderly. He found it difficult to obhim tenderly. He found it difficult to obtain permission to attend the supper at all. It was given at last, with the understanding that he would come home early. He did not, however, but sat late; so very late, indeed, that he slept soundly the next morning. He had met with a misfortune, too, having stumbled on his way home and rolled in the street. His wife, however, sat about repairing the mishap the next morning by cleansing the muddy overcoat. While engaged in this occupation, her hand by the merest chance in the world strayed into one of the side pockets of his coat, and encountering a neatly folded billet doux, subscribed simply to Charley, read:—
"Do not go to that horrid supper, love, but come to me instead. I am so lonely. Your devoted

color came and went upon her cheek and fore-head—when she read the few lines. There was head—when she read the few lines. There was a moment's pause, as if to still the intensity of passion, and then Mr. G—was rudely shaken from his bed. "What's the meaning of this, sir?" and the little hands trembled with passion, as the offending paper was held up before the culprit. "I don't know. Who brought it?" "Who brought it, sir? I found it in your coat pocket, Mr. G—. I want an explanation. I will have one. I want a divorce, too!" Mr. G—was fully aroused by this time. He protested he knew nothing of the note; he did not know how the treacherous little thing came in his pocket. He appealed to his wife's good sense. She would hear no denial, but instead made another dive into the coat pocket. Another little missive rewarded her search. I was brimfull of the tenderest endearments, was brimfull of the tenderest endearments, and dated only two days back, but was in another handwriting, very beautiful, and signed "Jennie." "Oh! you Turk—just look at that!" and while Charley's bewildered eyes were perusing the letter another visit was paid to the receptacle of love—another letter came out. It was delicate, but full of upbraiding. It called was delicate, but full of upbraiding. It called Charley cruel, false, decentral; said that Fanny's broken heart would be laid at his door; and that his "once loved darling would die earand that his "once loved darling would die early." The lips were white now with rage, the blue eyes all aflame, the little form drawn up to its fullest hight. Charley never saw her looking so indignant. "You monster! Why, Brigham Young would be ashamed to do as you have done." Another dive was made to the pocket, and letter after letter brought out, until a dozen strewed the floor, all evincing the tenderest love for Charley. Unable to cope with the storm of indignation he made a hasty exit from the room, and, leaving the house, left his wife to meditate upon divorce or suicide at leisure. A few minutes after, however, the servant of Charles S— appeared with Mr. servant of Charles S— appeared with Mr. G—'s overcoat, and respectfully solicited the return of his master's.—Elmira, N. F. Gazette.

The Invisible Girl. A famous exhibition, in London, called the "Invisible Girl," was a deception in which much ingenuity was displayed. In this machine there was a girl or lady concerned, who did the talking and singing, and who was invisible to the audience; the deception consisted in leading the visitors to suppose that she was in a small globe suspended in mid-air. There were four upright posts, united at top by four horizontal rails, like the framework of a table. Bent wires, springing up from the posts, converged to an ornamental centre; and from these wires were suspended a hollow copper ball, with four trumpet-mouths on four sides. This was all the visitors saw. Any person wishing to propose a question, spoke it into one of the trumpet-mouths; and presently afterward an app o riate answer came from all the four mouths. The voice was so soft that it seemed to come from a very young and diminutive being indeed—a f.i.y, an invisible girl. French and Italian were spoken by the voice as well as English; witty and lively remarks were made, as well as questions answered; and songs were beautifully sung in silvery tons. It was admitted on all hands to be an attractive exhi-A famous exhibition, in London, called the

made, as well as questions answered; and songs were beautifully sung in silvery tons. It was admitted on all hands to be an attractive exhibition; and as there were no means of verifying the fact that the globe touched nothing whatever, except four ribbons by which it was suspended, the surprise felt was great. The facts of the case were those: One of the posts was bollow, as were two of the rails; and there were openings in the rails just opposite two of the trampet-mouths. In an adjoining room was a lady scated at a pianoforte; a very small opening in the partition between the two rooms enabled her to see what was going on; while a concealed tube was carried from a point near the level of her ear to the hollow part of the machine, beneath the floor. Sounds, as we know, travel very easily through tubes; of the machine, beneath the floor. Sounds, as we know, travel very easily through tubes; and thus the questioning, the answering, the singing, and the planeforte playing, were transferred from room to room. When a spectator asked a question, speaking at one of the trumpet-mouths, the sound was reflected from the trumpet back to the opening in the horizontal rail, which opening was neither seen nor suspected by the audience; it went down the rail, under the floor, and into the adjoining apartment, where the lady heard it; and the sounds in the opposite direction were similarly conveyed. The sound became so altered in character and intensity by this process of transmission as really to seem to come from the ball; and when an answer was given to a question expressed in a whisper, the impression was very strong that the answers really came from the ball.

A thousand horses a day are said to be killed for food in Paris. The most useful class of women in Paris, as well as the most devoted, after the sisters of charity, are the actresses.

in Memphis. Each member is bound not to marry a man who cannot give her a diamond ring. 80 The town of Buckland (Mass.) voted in September to prohibit the sale of ale, porter and "larger beer." Judge Brigham has ruled that this vote did not prohibit lager.

OFFICIAL. By the President of the United States of America. A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas a convention be ween the United State of America and her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, for the suppression of the African slave trade, with instructions for the ships of the United States and British navies employed to prevent that trade, and regulations for the mixed courts of justice thereunto annexed was concluded and signed at Washington, by their respective plenipotentiaries, on the 7th day of April, 1862; and whereas a convention additional thereto, and instructions thereto. and instructions thereunto annexed, were concluded and signed at Washington by their respective plenipotentiaries, on the 3d day of June last, the originals of which additional convention and instructions are word for word as follows:

Additional Convention to the Convention between the United States and Great Bri'ain. of the 7th of April, 1862, respecting the Afri-

of the 7th of April, 1862, respecting the African Slave Trade.

The United States of America and her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, having come to the conclusion that it is no longer necessary to maintain the three mixed courts of justice, established at Sierra Leone, at the Cape of Good Hope, and at New York, in pursuance of the treaty concluded at Washington, on the 7th day of April, 1862, for the suppression of the African slave trade, they have resolved to conclude an additional convention for the purpose of making the requisite modifications of the said treaty, and have named as their plenipotentiaries, that is to say: The President of the United States of America, Hamilton Fish, Secretary of State, and her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. Edward Thornton, Esquire, Companion of the Order of the Bath, and her Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the United States of America, who, after having communicated to each other their respective full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed upon and concluded the following articles:

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ARTICLE I.

Everything contained in the treaty concluded at Washington on the 7th of April. 1862, between the United States of America and her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Brittain and Ireland, for the suppression of the African slave trade, and in the annexes A and B thereto, which relates to the establishment of three mixed courts of justice at Bierra Leone, at the Cape of Good Hope, and at New York, to hear and decide all cases of capture of vessels which may be brought before them as having been engaged in the African slave trade, or as having been fitted out for the purposes thereof, as well as to the composition, jurisdiction, and mode of procedure of such courts, shall cease and determine as regards the said mixed courts, from and after the exchange of the ratifications of the present additional convention, except in so far as regards any act or proceeding done or taken in virtue thereof, before this additional convention shall be officially communicated to the said mixed courts of justice. The said courts shall nevertheless have the power, and it shall be their duty, to proceed with all practicable dispatch to the final determination of all causes and proceedings which may be pending, and undeternined in them, or either of them, at the time of receiving notice of the ratification of this convention.

ARTICLE II.

The jurisdiction heretofore exercised by the said mixed courts in pursuance of the provisions of the said treaty shall, after the exchange of the ratification of the provisions of the said treaty shall. after the exchange of the ratification of the provisions of the said treaty with regard to the sending or bringing in of captured vessels for adjudication before the said mixed courts, and with

modes of procedure in matters of maritime prize, and all the provisions of the said treaty with regard to the sending or bringing in of captured vessels for adjudication before the said mixed courts, and with regard to the adjudication of such vessels by the said courts, and the rules of evidence to be applied and the proceedings consequent on such adjudication, shall apply, fluctatis mutandis, to the courts of the high contracting parties. It is, however, provided that there may be an appeal from the decision of any court of the high contracting parties, in the same manner as by the law of the country where the court sits is allowed in other cases of maritime prize.

ARTICLE III.

It is agreed that in case of an American merchant vessel searched by a British cruiser being detained as having been engaged in the African slave trade, or as having been fitted out for the purposes thereof, she shall be sent to New York or Key West, whichever shall be most accessible for adjudication, or shall be handed over to an United States cruiser, if one should be available in the neighborhood of the capture; and that in the corresponding case of a British merchant yessel searched by a United States cruiser being detained as having been engaged in the African slave trade, or as having been engaged in the African slave trade, or as having been entited out for the purpose thereof, she shall be sent for adjudication to the nearest or most accessible British colony, or shall be flanded over to a British cruiser, if one should be available in the neighborhood of the capture. should be available in the neighborhood of the cap

All the witnesses and proofs necessary to establish the guilt of the master, crew, or other persons found on board of any such vessel, shall be sent and handed over with the vessel itself, in order to be produced to the court before which such vessel or persons may be brought for trial.

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All negroes, or others, (necessary witnesses excepted.) who may be on board either an American or a British vessel for the purpose of being consigned to slavery, shall be handed over to the nearest British authority. They shall be immediately set at liberty, and shall remain free, her Britannic Majesty guaranteeing their liberty. With regard to such of those negroes, or others, as may be sent in with the detained vessel as necessary witnesses, the government to which they may have been delivered shall set them at liberty as soon as their testimony shall no longer be required, and shall guarantee their liberty. Where a detained vessel is handed over to a craise. Where a detained vessel is handed over to a cruiser of her own nation, an officer in charge, and other necessary witnesses and proofs, shall accompany the

ARTICLE IV.

It is mutually agreed that the instructions for the ships of the navies of both nations destined to prevent the African slave trade, which are annexed to this convention, shall form an integral part thereof, and shall have the same force and effect as if they had been annexed to the treaty of the 7th of April, 1862, in lieu of the instruction forming annex A to that treaty. ARTICLE V. In all other respects the stipulation of the treaty of April 7, 1862, shall remain in full force and effect until terminated by notice given by one of the high contracting parties to the other, in the manner prescribed by Article XII thereof. Oh, my! but the little blue eyes flashed—the

The high contracting parties engage to communicate the present convention to the mixed courts of justice, and to the officers in command of their respective cruisers, and to give them the requisite instructions in pursuance thereof, with the least possible

ARTICLE VII.

The present additional convention shall have the same duration as the treaty of the 7th of April. 1862, and the additional article thereto of the 17th of February. 1863. It shall be ratified, and the ratifications shall be exchanged at London as soon as possible. In witness whereof, the respective plenipotentiaries have signed the same, and have affixed thereto their respective seals.

Done at Washington, the third day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and

HAMILTON FISH. EDWD. THORNTON.

Annex to the Additional Convention between the United States of America and Great Britain, for the Suppression of the African Slave Trade, Signed at Washington on the Third Day of June, 1870.

Instructions for the ships of the United States and British navies employed to prevent the African Slave trade.

ARTICLE I.

The commander of any ship belonging to the United States or British navy, which shall be furnished with these instructions, shall have a right to search and detain any United States or British merchant vessels which shall be actually engaged, or suspected to be engaged, in the African slave trade, or to be fitted out for the purposes thereof, or to have been engaged in such trade during the voyage in which she may be met with by such ship of the United States or British navy; and such commander shall thereupon bring or send such merchant vessel (save in the case provided for in Article V of these instructions) as soon as possible for judgment, in the manner provided by Article III of the additional convention of this date; that is to say:

In the case of an American vessel scarched and detained as aforesaid by a British cruiser, she shall be sent to New York or Key West, whichever shall be sent to New York or Key West, whichever shall be cruiser, if one should be available in the neighborhood of the capture.

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In the case of a British vessel searched and detained as aforesaid by an United States cruiser, she shall be sent to the nearest or most accessible British colony, or shall be handed over to a British cruiser, if one should be available in the neighborhood of the

Whenever a ship of either of the two navies, duly authorized as aforesaid, shall meet a merchant vessel liable to be searched under the provisions of the treaty of the 7th of April, 1867, and of this additional convention, the search shall be conducted with the courtesy and consideration which ought to be observed between allied and friendly nations; and the search shall, in all cases, be made by an efficie holding a rank not lower than that of lieutenant in the navy, or by the officer who at the time shall be second in command of the ship by which such search is made. ARTICLE III

The commander of any ship of the two navies, duly ru horized as aforestid, who may detain any merchant vessel in pursuance of the tenor of the present instructions, shall leave on board the vessel so detained the master, the mate, or boatswain, two or three at least of the crew, and all the cargo. The captor shall, at the time of detention, draw up in writing a declaration, which shall exhibit the state in which he found the detained vessel; such declaration shall be signed by himself, and shall be given or sent in with the detained vessel; to be produced as evidence in the proper court.

He shall deliver to the master of the detained vessel a signed and certified list of the papers found on board the same, as well as a certificate of the number of negroes or other persons destined for slavery, who may have been found on board at the moment of detention.

In the declaration which the captor is hereby required to make, as well as in the certified list of the papers seized, and in the certificate of the number of negroes or others destined for slavery who may be found on board the detained vessel, he shall insert his own name and surname, the name of the capturhis own name and surname, the name of the capturing ship, and the latitude and longitude of the place where the detention shall have been made.

The officer in charge of the detained vessel shall, at the time of delivering the vessel's papers and the certificate of the commander into court, deliver also a certificate, signed by himself, and verified on oath, stating any changes which may have taken place in tespect to the vessel, her crew, and her cargo, between the time of her detention and the time of delivering in such paper.

Where a detained vessel is handed over to a cruiser of her own nation, an officer in charge, and other necessary witnesses and proofs, shall accompany the vessel.

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In case any merchant vessel detained in pursuances of the present instructions should prove to be unseaworthy, or in such a condition as not to be taken in for adjudication as directed by the additional convention of this date, the commander of the detaining cruiser may take upon himself the responsibility of abandoning or destroying her, provided the exact causes which made such a step imperatively necessary be stated in a certificate verified on oath. Buch certificate shall be drawn up and formerly executed by him in duplicate at the time, and shall be received as prima facie evidence of the facts therein stated, subject to rebuttal by counter proof.

In case of the abandonment or destruction of a detained vessel, the master and crew, together with the papers found on board, and other necessary proofs and witnesses, and one of the certificates monthoned.

in the preceding paragraph of this article, shall be sent and delivered at the earliest possible moment to the proper count before which the vessel would other with here been sent. Upon the production of the said certificate, the court may proceed to adjudicate upon the detention of the vessel in the same manner as if the vessel had been sent in.

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authority

The undersigned plenipotentiaries have agreed, in conformity with the IVth article of the additional convention, signed by them on this day, that the present instructions shall be unnexed to the said convention, and be considered an integral part thereof.

Done at Washington, the third day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

HAMILTON PISH. SEAL. And whereas the said additional convention has been duly ratified on both parts, and the respective ratifications of the same were exchanged at London on the 18th instant:

Now, therefore, be it known that I, Ulysses S, Grant, President of the United States of America, have caused the said additional convention to be made public, to the end that the same, and every clause and part thereof, may be observed and fulfilled with good faith by the United States, and the citizens thereof.

In witness whereof I have becomes set my hand. Citizens thereof.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington, this sixteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord one [SEAL] thousand eight hundred and seventy, and of the Independence of the United States of America the ninety-fifth.

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